

Federal workers compensation system without going through Congress.

Again, I think Gene Scalia is an outstanding nominee. I think the Secretary of Labor is entitled to a solicitor, and he is certainly entitled to a vote to find out where the votes are. I urge my colleagues to help us make that happen, to give him a vote and a day in the Senate, and not keep him in limbo indefinitely.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT ACT OF 2001

Mr. SMITH of Oregon. Mr. President, I rise today to speak about hate crimes legislation I introduced with Senator KENNEDY in March of this year. The Local Law Enforcement Act of 2001 would add new categories to current hate crimes legislation sending a signal that violence of any kind is unacceptable in our society.

I would like to describe a terrible crime that occurred in May 1996 in Philadelphia, PA. Stephen Leo Jr., 19, and Kevin Zawojski, 17, yelled anti-gay slurs and beat a man they believed to be gay. Mr. Leo was sentenced to 18 to 36 months in jail and Mr. Zawojski was sentenced to 29 to 58 months in jail in connection with the incident.

I believe that government's first duty is to defend its citizens, to defend them against the harms that come out of hate. The Local Law Enforcement Enhancement Act of 2001 is now a symbol that can become substance. I believe that by passing this legislation, we can change hearts and minds as well.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

RECOGNITION OF THE OUTSTANDING ACCOMPLISHMENT OF CUBA, MISSOURI

• Mr. BOND. Mr. President, I wish to make a few comments on the outstanding accomplishment of Cuba, Missouri on becoming the official Route 66 Mural City as declared by the Missouri State House of Representatives.

Cuba, Missouri is located along Interstate 44 and highway 19 near the Meramec River State Park and the Huzzah river in Crawford County. Also, located near by is the beautiful Mark Twain National Forrest offering a great deal of hunting, fishing and water recreation. Cuba is a beautiful city and has much to offer its citizens and those who visit.

Located along the historic Route 66 and established in 1857, Cuba has witnessed and been a part of many historical events. Through local artisans, Cuba, MO has taken the incitive to remind its citizens and those who visit of its storied past through three murals on local buildings. The three murals currently displayed on the buildings depict the early history of the town, and present us with a reminder of its beautiful apple orchards, the six residents who lost their lives defending this great nation during World War Two, and the original Peoples Bank building. These murals also are a reminder of the history that not only shaped Cuba, but our great state as well. Although the population of Cuba is only about 3,200 people, the city continues to grow and prosper. I commend them on taking the incitive to remember our history and educate those who visit this great city by this beautiful display of art work.

There are plans to finish ten murals along historic Route 66 by the year 2007. Cuba was the first community to take the initiative to paint these murals and now serves as the center for development for these murals, including obtaining a trademark on Route 66 Murals. Again, I congratulate them on such a wonderful project.●

GOD BLESS AMERICA

• Mr. FEINGOLD. Mr. President, the Wisconsin State Council of Vietnam Veterans of America, part of the congressionally chartered Vietnam Veterans of America, have been steadfast advocates for Wisconsin's veterans and their families. They have asked me to have printed in the RECORD the following editorial from The Badger Veteran, the newsmagazine that they produce.

The editorial follows.

MAY GOD BLESS AMERICA

The men and women of the Wisconsin State Council of Vietnam Veterans of America understand all too well the horrors of war. Until September 11th, our nation was blessed to have 136 years without a life being lost on America's mainland to war. Our sense—our collective illusion—of invulnerability was shattered forever by acts of terror in New York, Washington and Pennsylvania on the 11th of September.

Our national security must never again be treated as an afterthought. It must not be placed on hold in the name of inconvenience not compromised because it might have some limited impact on the bottom line of our country's economy.

A generation ago, we sent millions of Americans to fight a protracted war in Southeast Asia. The vast majority of Americans had the luxury of turning out that war simply by tuning off their TVs whenever they grew tired of it or found it too depressing. It is a luxury no American will ever have in our war against terrorism.

Today, America has once again been drawn into a war—one not of our making. It will be protracted. It will be very costly—in dollars and, tragically, as in any war, in more lives,

including more American lives. As veterans, we understand there is nothing fair or good about any war. And we know Americans will no doubt find themselves debating the conduct of this war in the halls of Congress and in homes and byways throughout our nation. There is nothing wrong with free and open debate. It is the American way. But Americans are also an impatient people who like quick resolution of events that disrupt their lives. This war promises no quick fixes. It will take more time than we will have patience. But patience is something for which Americans must collectively and continually search our very beings as the frustrations of a protracted war begin to take their toll on our resolve. And patience will have to be found time and again if we are to prevail.

We urge the people of Wisconsin and the United States to stay the course until we cripple the world's terrorist networks. We urge President Bush and our national leaders to be mindful of the lessons of the Vietnam War, the Soviet-Afghanistan War and the Powell Doctrine with respect to committing U.S. ground troops to foreign battlefields. And we ask and expect that criticisms of this war and its policies will be directed at our government and our leadership who are responsible for the policies and never again at the men and women our government sends into harm's way on behalf of our nation.

This is also a time for remembering, for coming together. A time to heal while being vigilant. A time to remind our foes that when threatened or attacked, we will respond with a ferocity that they shall regret unleashing. As President Bush stated, we are a good, peace loving nation. Our enemies proceed at their peril whenever they infer from our nature that we will turn the other cheek when attacked.

This will also be a time for the vast majority of Americans—especially young Americans—to learn about the importance of some "old fashioned" values that have lost relevance to too many for too long. Values like duty, honor and country, with an increased appreciation for a simple, compelling fact: Despite all of America's flaws and shortcomings, we have the privilege of living in the greatest nation on earth.

On behalf of the members of Vietnam Veterans of America in Wisconsin and ourselves, we rededicate the Wisconsin State Council's commitment to our Founding Principle, "Never again will one generation of veterans abandon another." And we promise to continue our efforts to make VVA's motto, "In Service to America," an ongoing reality.

May God bless the United States of America. And may peace return to our shores and the world with dispatch.

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PAYING TRIBUTE TO DR. STEVEN HYMAN

• Mr. DOMENICI. Mr. President, it is with genuine regret that I learned about the planned departure of Dr. Steven Hyman as Director of the National Institute of Mental Health at the NIH. Steve is a Harvard-trained psychiatrist and neuroscientist who has impressed me with his deep understanding that mental illnesses are very real disturbances occurring in the brain, the most